

of this peach and its comparison with Phillips Cling.* We have had a reply from Mr. Goodman, who states that this is easily the best quality canning peach the canners have ever seen, and that growers in this state (Victoria) are putting in more acres of it than of all other yellow clings together.

"His catalog description, quoted below, shows that it ripens about six weeks later than Tuscan Cling:

'Undoubtedly the greatest yellow-fleshed clingstone peach introduced for many years. The tree is a heavy bearer each season of medium-sized fruit that is admirable for canning. The skin has a red blush on the sunny side; the flesh is beautifully rich and translucent; the variety is remarkable for even crops and gradual ripening, which means so much when picking campaign is in progress. The fruit ripens towards the end of February, and, as the name indicates, represents my choice for canning.'

"We know the behavior of the clings generally in this state, and we find that they have a great tendency to be uneven in shape. Our own nurseryman states that Goodman's Choice is one of the best late peaches that he has come across, but as we have no growers for canneries around there, we can not give an authoritative report from that point of view ourselves."

From G.W. Peart, manager for C.J. Goodman, Bairnsdale, Victoria, June 14, 1922: "The flesh of this peach is wonderfully rich for canning purposes and the processed product is just as superior in appearance to other varieties as it is in taste. In quality it is superior to Phillips Cling. Canners in this state declare that they can obtain more dozens of high grade quality canned peaches from a ton of Goodman's Choice than from any other variety. This means that canners pay higher prices for Goodman's Choice. The variety is a regular cropper and has never failed to set a good crop in 12 years except once when a record late frost ruined all the stone crops in the district. Unlike Phillips Cling all the fruits on the tree come up to first-class cannery requirements." In another letter, dated June 30, 1922, Mr. Peart says further: "This peach originated about 18 years ago in one of our canning peach orchards at Mossiface, Victoria."

*Phillips Cling is at present the standard canning variety in California.